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Parks and Open Spaces Releases Short Film Highlighting Response to Illegal Camping

Many people are familiar with the work of the Parks and Open Space (POS) Division in cleaning up homeless camp sites in Eugene's parks and natural areas. Other efforts may be less visible. These efforts include how POS and EPD work to improve the safety of both visitors and homeless campers in the park system, how homeless people are volunteering in parks, and what steps POS has taken to begin to address staff safety concerns and the burnout they face from working conditions that can be both scary and frustrating.



In order to help communicate the scope of this work, POS has released a short film produced by Metro Television called the "Field Response to Homeless Camping." Parks and Open Space Division Manager Craig Carnagey recently presented on Eugene's efforts around homelessness in parks at the National American Public Works Association conference and included this film. His presentation generated a lot of interest, as many cities are facing similar challenges. The film can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/180094387>.

For more information contact Parks and Open Space Marketing and Outreach Manager [Kelly Darnell](#) or 541-682-4901.

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City of Eugene Assists Track Town USA in Achieving Evergreen Level Certification



On October 10th, the Council for Responsible Sport announced that it has awarded an Evergreen level certification to the 2016 US Olympic Track and Field Trials (TT16) making it one of only three events globally to have earned the highest level of sustainable sport certification since new standards were implemented in 2014.

The City of Eugene's Waste Prevention program worked closely with a local organizing committee, and Track Town USA staff to help the event earn 57 of the 61 possible credits required for Evergreen certification.

Efforts included publishing a detailed sustainability report, collecting and composting food waste, purchasing 100% of renewable energy for the event through EWEB Greenpower, donating all unused food to local food banks, and providing

alternatives to bottled water at the event by working with City staff to provide water bottle refilling stations throughout the event footprint. Increased access and equity for all event goers was provided by Town USA staff and volunteers, and included an enhanced sensory experience for a visually impaired attendee, enabling him to more fully experience elements of the Olympic Trials. As a result of careful planning and a commitment to sustainability TT16 was also able to keep construction materials out of the landfill by partnering with local reuse nonprofits to divert tons of hard to recycle items after the event.

For more information about Waste Prevention and Green Building's work with sustainable events, please contact [Deveron Musgrave](#) at 541-682-6842.

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Pre-Mash Winter Wear, Bike Gear Fashion Show

On Sunday, October 16 at 6 p.m., Eugene Sunday Streets is partnering with the [Moonlight Mash](#), Arriving by Bike, Active Transportation Committee and The Barn Light (924 Willamette St.) to throw a winter bike riding celebration and fashion show. The event highlights include trends in layering for fall and winter riding, food and drinks at The Barn Light, and hearing who won Eugene's Beautiful Bike Pageant. At 7:30 p.m., hop on your bike and join in the community full moon ride, The Moonlight Mash. *If you've been hesitant to ride your bike in the fall and winter because you don't know what to wear to stay dry and seen, this is the event for you!*

The celebration and fashion show builds off the success of Eugene Sunday Streets, Party in the Parks and Breakfast at the Bike Bridges and is truly an event for everyone who came out, sponsored, or just enjoyed taking part in the summer events. Thank you for supporting a strong, and active community!

For more information on the celebration, contact Emily at Sundaystreets@ci.eugene.or.us or 541-501-0390.

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Halloween Festivities in Downtown Eugene

City of Eugene Cultural Services offers a fun and spooky time downtown for kids and adults on Oct. 31 from 3-6 pm. The 3rd annual All Hallows' Eugene has costume parades with contests for pets and people, storefront trick-or-treating, free family activities in the Hult Center lobby and more. The Broadway Metro will also be screening the horror film classic Phantasm and its new sequel Phantasm: Ravager from Oct 28-31.



All Hallows' Eugene is presented with support from Eugene Weekly, Mix 94.5-FM, Broadway Metro and Downtown Eugene Inc. Visit www.eugfun.org for the complete schedule of events. For more information, contact [Colette Ramirez](#), City of Eugene Cultural Services Community Events Manager, 541-682-6347.

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